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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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### **Ribbon Cutting at Legacy Park**

The City of Norman invites the public to an opening night Ribbon Cutting at the new Legacy Park in the University North Park (UNP) shopping area on Thursday, September 17, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. This project was designed by Howard-Fairbairn Site Design - a landscape architecture firm in OKC, along with The McKinney Partnership Architects from Norman. CGC, LLC from Edmond, OK was the general contractor.

The park features an amphitheater and covered stage set against the backdrop of a circular pond in the middle of the park. The water cannons and LED lighting in the center of the pond can be programmed to perform an ever-changing display of water and light shows. The park also includes extensive walking trails that connect north and south to the retail shopping areas at the UNP, and extensive tree plantings and landscape areas to serve as an attractive center piece for the restaurants that will soon surround the park. There is also a restroom facility and several areas for public art displays which will provide a wonderful setting for festivals and other special events that may be planned in the space.

Opening activities will include free snow cones for the first 200 children in attendance, free frozen yogurt from 6 - 7 p.m., face painting, balloon artists and a DJ. At 7 p.m., the Brass and Percussion Sections of the Norman Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at the amphitheater. Mayor Cindy Rosenthal will make opening remarks followed by the designers from Howard-Fairbairn and McKinney Partnership. The evening will conclude with a fountain and light demonstration and the Philharmonic performance of the Norman Anthem.

Parking for the ribbon cutting will be available in any of the existing retail lots north and south of Legacy Park, with sidewalk access to the park from either direction. Citizens are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy a comfortable evening at the park. "We appreciate the people of Norman for their support and patience as we built this beautiful new park through record rainfall, snow and ice, and even a tornado at the site. We believe this project is a real gift that the community will be very proud of," said Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The park will be open to the public every day, with the amphitheater available to book for special occasions and events.

For additional information on the Legacy Park Ribbon Cutting, contact Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation at 366-5472 or [jud.foster@normanok.gov](mailto:jud.foster@normanok.gov).

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